

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 813

By Ford

A RESOLUTION to honor James R. Waddle for his meritorious service to the citizens of this State and country.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, one such brave American and resident Tennessean is James R. Waddle of Chuckey, Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, from November of 1966 to November of 1972, Mr. Waddle valiantly served his country in Vietnam as a member of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, during this time he received an honorary degree in American Law and Business at the University of Vietnam and a Certificate of Combat Services from the Ninth Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, for his valiant efforts, Mr. Waddle received many distinguished awards and recognitions, including three Purple Hearts, four Service Bronze Stars, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, the Army Commendation Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Metal, the Silver Star with Oak Leaf Cluster for Conspicuous Gallantry, four Hero Bronze Stars, one Valour Bronze Star, and a Medal of Merit; he was also the first Lifetime Member in the Octofoil Association of the Ninth Infantry Division; and

WHEREAS, a lifetime member of Disabled American Veterans, James Waddle is the much-deserved recipient of the U.S. Army's Preserving American Freedom Medal and its Efficiency, Honor and Fidelity recognition; he also received the Army's Good Conduct Medal, the Combat Infantryman Badge, Paratrooper Jump Wings, Ranger Patch, Special Forces Eagle Crest, and Medal of Valor from the High Barbary Legion of France; and

WHEREAS, James Waddle served with acumen and alacrity with Nuclear Fuel Services in Erwin, Texas, where he received an honorary degree in Nuclear Chemistry and Physics; during his illustrious career there, he was instrumental in the development and extension of certified fuels for use in tri-dent submarines, such as the *USS Greeneville* and the *USS Tennessee*; and

WHEREAS, he has also lent his time and professional talents as president of IUE-AFL-CIO Local 796, and rendered sterling service as an environmental officer of the National Ruritan for East Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, forever a defender of the innocent, Mr. Waddle has dedicated his entire life to the aid of society's most vulnerable citizens - children and the elderly; he has donated tens of thousands of dollars to children's organizations; and

WHEREAS, a public-spirited citizen of the highest order, Mr. Waddle should be specially recognized for his distinguished military career, professional achievements, and many remarkable contributions to the betterment of his community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend James R. Waddle of Chuckey, Tennessee, for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and this country and salute his unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.